



Tufts Health Care Institute

Trusted Sources: Organizations and Websites

Organizations and websites, grouped by category, that contain useful content on health care and the delivery system. Each listing has an annotated description that highlights its mission and activities.

These references mostly date from 2012-2015.

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The Health Care System

Organizations and Websites with Resources on Multiple Topics

[Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality \(AHRQ\)](http://www.ahrq.gov)

<http://www.ahrq.gov>

AHRQ's mission is to produce evidence to make health care safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable, and affordable, and to work with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and other partners to make sure that the evidence is understood and used.

California HealthCare Foundation

<http://www.chcf.org>

CHCF is a nonprofit grantmaking philanthropy based in Oakland, California. To accomplish its goals, the foundation focuses its effort in these areas: improving clinical outcomes and quality of life for Californians with chronic disease; reducing barriers to efficient, affordable health care for the underserved; promoting greater transparency and accountability; and supporting the implementation of health reform.

Center for Studying Health System Change

<http://www.hschange.org>

The nonpartisan Center for Studying Health System Change (HSC) conducts health policy research and analysis focused on the U.S. health care system to inform the thinking and decisions of policy makers in government and private industry. Additionally, HSC studies contribute more broadly to the body of health care policy research that enables decision makers to understand the national and local market forces driving changes in the health system. **Note:** HSC has merged with Mathematica Policy Research and ceased operations as an independent organization; reports through 2013 are still online.

The Commonwealth Fund

<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Topics.aspx>

The Commonwealth Fund is a private foundation that aims to promote a high performing health care system that achieves better access, improved quality, and greater efficiency, particularly for society's most vulnerable, including low-income people, the uninsured, minority Americans, young children, and elderly adults. Multiple topics include Long-Term Care Quality, Health Policy Reform, State Health Policy and Medicaid, Health System Performance and Costs, Child Health Development, Health Care Delivery, International Health Policy Center, Vulnerable Populations, Health Insurance, Patient-Centered Care, Payment Reform, Medicare, and Health Care Quality.

HealthLeaders Media

<http://www.healthleadersmedia.com>

HealthLeaders Media, a division of HCPro, is a leading multi-platform media company dedicated to meeting the business information needs of healthcare executives and professionals. As an integrated media company, HealthLeaders Media consists of the following entities: HealthLeaders magazine, HealthLeaders Media Online, HealthLeaders Media Rounds, HealthLeaders Media Breakthroughs, the HealthLeaders Media Intelligence Unit, and California HealthFax. All are available on the Website.

HealthShareTV

<http://www.healthsharetv.com>

HealthShareTV is the home for health care videos. Video postings are reviewed to insure quality and involve business or clinical aspects of health care, health insurance and all things related. HealthShareTV is a service of MCOL, a leading publisher of health care business information

Kaiser Family Foundation

<http://kff.org>

Kaiser is a non-profit, private operating foundation focusing on the major health care issues facing the U.S., as well as the U.S. role in global health policy. Kaiser serve as a non-partisan source of facts, information, analysis and journalism for policymakers, the media, the health care community, and the public. The Kaiser Family Foundation is not associated with Kaiser Permanente or Kaiser Industries. Multiple topics include Disparities Policy, Medicaid, Medicare, Health Costs, Health Reform, HIV/AIDS, Private Insurance, Uninsured, Women's Health Policy, Global Health Policy.

Managed Care Magazine

<http://www.managedcaremag.com>

Managed Care website delivers high-interest full-length articles and shorter features on clinical and business aspects of the industry. Its editorial mission is to advise managed markets physicians, pharmacists, and executives on the integration of the business and medical aspects of the rapidly changing managed care market.

Medscape

<http://www.medscape.com>

Medscape from WebMD offers specialists, primary care physicians, and other health professionals integrated medical information and educational tools. Specialty content is evaluated, created, and presented under the guidance of a WebMD program director and a medical professional advisory board.

RAND Corporation, Health and Health Care

<http://www.rand.org/topics/health-and-health-care.html>

The RAND Corporation is a nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization that develops solutions to public policy challenges. Among its many focus areas, RAND advances understanding of health and health behaviors and examines how the organization and financing of care affect costs, quality, and access.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

<http://rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/program-areas.html>

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation focuses on the pressing health and health care issues facing our country. As the nation's largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to health and health care, the Foundation works with a diverse group of organizations and individuals to identify solutions and achieve comprehensive, measurable, and timely change. Multiple topics include Childhood Obesity, Coverage, Human Capital, Public Health, Quality/Equality, Vulnerable Populations

Health Care System: The Marketplace and Health Care Reform

America's Health Insurance Plans

<http://www.ahip.org/Issues>

America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) is the national trade association representing the health insurance industry. AHIP's members provide health and supplemental benefits to more than 200 million Americans through employer-sponsored coverage, the individual insurance market, and public programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. AHIP advocates for public policies that expand access to affordable health care coverage to all Americans through a competitive marketplace that fosters choice, quality and innovation.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation

<http://bluecrossmafoundation.org/areas-focus/national-health-reform>

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation has developed a comprehensive collection of information from the Foundation and other stakeholders about the history, implementation, and progression of Massachusetts health reform.

Catalyst for Payment Reform (CPR)

<http://www.catalyzepaymentreform.org>

Catalyst for Payment Reform (CPR) is an independent, nonprofit corporation working on behalf of large employers and other health care purchasers to catalyze improvements in how we pay for health services and promote higher-value care in the U.S. The site offers many related reports and publications.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

<http://www.cms.gov>

CMS covers 100 million people through Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program and soon, through the Health Insurance Marketplace. To achieve a high quality health care system, CMS also aims for better care at lower costs and improved health.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The Medicare Program.

<http://www.cms.gov/MedicareGenInfo>

CMS has information for consumers and providers about the Medicare program.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The Medicaid Program.

<http://www.medicaid.gov>

The Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) is one of six Centers within the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). CMCS serves as the focal point for all national program policies and operations related to Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Center for Clinical Standards & Quality (CCSQ)

[http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/QualityInitiativesGenInfo/index.html?redirect=/QualityInitiativesGenInfo)

[Instruments/QualityInitiativesGenInfo/index.html?redirect=/QualityInitiativesGenInfo](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/QualityInitiativesGenInfo/index.html?redirect=/QualityInitiativesGenInfo)

CMS' Center for Clinical Standards & Quality (CCSQ), led by the CMS Chief Medical Officer and the CCSQ Leadership Team, is a cadre of professionals with diverse backgrounds in clinical, scientific, public health, legal, IT, project management, academic, and business management fields.

Community Catalyst

<http://www.communitycatalyst.org>

Community Catalyst is a national non-profit advocacy organization that seeks to give consumers a voice in health care reform. The organization provides leadership and support to state and local consumer organizations, policymakers and foundations that are working to guarantee access to high-quality, affordable health care and health coverage for everyone. Contributions range from policy analysis and strategic assistance to managing national campaigns.

Consumer-Purchaser Alliance

<http://consumerpurchaser.org>

The Consumer-Purchaser Alliance is a collaboration of leading consumer, employer and labor groups working together to promote the use of performance measurement in health care to inform consumer choice, value-based purchasing, and payment. The result of this effective use of measurement is a system that delivers top quality, affordable care. Our mission is to strengthen the voice of consumers and purchasers in the quest for higher quality, more affordable health care.

HealthCare.gov

<http://www.healthcare.gov>

This site has information about the health insurance marketplace and enrollment under the Affordable Care Act.

Health Care Cost Institute

<http://www.healthcostinstitute.org>

HCCI is a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to creating a comprehensive source of information on health care activity and promoting research on the drivers of escalating health care costs. Through this research and access to a large health insurance claims database, HCCI seeks to offer answers to critical questions about health care spending and utilization for the entire privately insured health population.

Health Care Incentives Improvement Institute (HCI3)

<http://www.hci3.org>

HCI3 is a non-profit organization, guided by a Board of Directors that includes physicians, employers, health plans, and others. HCI3 aims to improve health care quality and value with evidence-based incentive programs and a fair and powerful model for payment reform.

HealthLeaders-InterStudy

<http://www.hl-isy.com/Home>

HealthLeaders-InterStudy delivers qualitative databases and reports that drive strategic planning and decision making. As a source for managed care market intelligence, it delivers data and

analysis products to help understand the managed care environment at a national, state, MSA and county level.

[The Leapfrog Group](#)

<http://www.leapfroggroup.org>

The Leapfrog Group is a voluntary program aimed at mobilizing employer purchasing power to alert America's health industry that big leaps in health care safety, quality and customer value will be recognized and rewarded. Among other initiatives, Leapfrog works with its employer members to encourage transparency and easy access to health care information as well as rewards for hospitals that have a proven record of high quality care. The Leapfrog Group's growing consortium of major companies and other large private and public healthcare purchasers provide health benefits to more than 37 million Americans in all 50 states.

[Medicaid: The Integrated Care Resource Center.](#)

<http://www.integratedcareresourcecenter.com/>

The Integrated Care Resource Center (ICRC) was established to help states develop integrated programs that coordinate the full range of medical, behavioral health, and long-term services and supports for individuals who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. The resource center is a joint technical assistance project of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office and the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services.

[National Business Coalition on Health \(NBCH\)](#)

<http://www.nbch.org>

The National Business Coalition on Health (NBCH) is a national, non-profit membership organization of purchaser-led health care coalitions. NBCH has a membership of 52 coalitions across the United States representing over 7,000 employers and approximately 25 million employees and their dependents. NBCH and its members are dedicated to value-based purchasing of health care services through the collective action of public and private purchasers.

[National Institute for Health Care Reform](#)

<http://www.nihcr.org>

The National Institute for Health Care Reform is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established by the International Union, UAW; Chrysler Group LLC; Ford Motor Company; and General Motors to conduct health policy research and analysis to improve the organization, financing and delivery of health care in the United States. The mission of the National Institute for Health Care Reform (NIHCR) is to conduct high-quality, objective research and policy analyses of the organization, financing and delivery of health care in the United States.

[The Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement \(NRHI\)](#)

<http://www.nrhi.org>

The Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI) is a national organization representing over thirty member Regional Health Improvement Collaboratives (RHICs). These multi-stakeholder organizations work individually and collaboratively to transform the healthcare delivery system and achieve the Triple Aim. The RHICs are non-profit, non-governmental organizations that work with providers and other stakeholders. Posted resources address cost, quality, and transparency.

[The Peterson-Kaiser Health System Tracker](http://www.healthsystemtracker.org)

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The Peterson-Kaiser Health System Tracker provides clear, up-to-date information on trends, drivers and issues that impact the performance of the system. It also illustrates how the U.S. is performing relative to other countries and how different parts of the system are performing relative to one another. The site offers charts, blogs and insight briefs.

[UnitedHealth Center for Health Reform and Modernization](http://www.unitedhealthgroup.com/Health%20Reform/About.aspx)

<http://www.unitedhealthgroup.com/Health%20Reform/About.aspx>

UnitedHealth Group is a diversified health and well-being company dedicated to helping people live healthier lives and making health care work better. UnitedHealthcare provides health care coverage and benefits services. The UnitedHealth Center for Health Reform & Modernization comprises a team of health care experts with diverse clinical, managerial, policy, governmental and academic backgrounds drawn from the more than 133,000 people of UnitedHealth Group.

Delivery System Organizations

Delivery System Organizations: Facilities

[Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care \(AAAHC\)](http://www.aaahc.org)

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The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC), a private, non-profit organization, is a leader in developing standards to advance and promote patient safety, quality care, and value for ambulatory health care through peer-based accreditation processes, education, and research. A certificate of accreditation is awarded to organizations that are found to be in compliance with AAAHC Standards. AAAHC currently accredits more than 5,000 organizations in a wide variety of ambulatory health care settings including ambulatory surgery centers, community health centers, medical and dental group practices, medical home practices, and managed care organizations, as well as Indian and student health centers, among others.

[America's Essential Hospitals, formerly the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems \(NAPH\)](http://essentialhospitals.org)

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The leading association and champion for hospitals and health systems dedicated to high-quality care for all, including the most vulnerable. The association's more than 200 members are vital to their communities, providing primary care, trauma care, disaster response, health professional training, research, public health programs, and other services.

[American Hospital Association \(AHA\)](http://www.aha.org)

<http://www.aha.org>

The American Hospital Association (AHA) is the national organization that represents and serves all types of hospitals, health care networks, and their patients and communities. Nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, other providers of care and 43,000 individual

members come together to form the AHA. Through representation and advocacy activities, AHA ensures that members' perspectives and needs are heard and addressed in national health policy development, legislative and regulatory debates, and judicial matters.

[American Medical Group Association \(AMGA\)](http://www.amga.org)

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The American Medical Group Association (AMGA) is a trade association representing medical groups, health systems, and other organized systems of care, including some of the nation's largest, most prestigious integrated delivery systems. AMGA is a leading voice in advocating for efficient, team-based, and accountable care. AMGA members encompass all models of organized systems of care in the healthcare industry.

[Association of Academic Health Centers \(AAHC\)](http://www.aahcdc.org)

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The Association of Academic Health Centers (AAHC) is a non-profit organization that seeks to advance the nation's health and well-being by strengthening, advocating, and leading on behalf of its member institutions, which are at the forefront of health professions education, patient care, and biomedical and health services research.

[Medical Group Management Association \(MGMA\)](http://www.mgma.org)

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The Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) represents more than 33,000 medical practice administrators and executives in practices of all sizes, types, structures and specialties. It helps create successful medical practices that deliver the highest-quality patient care. As the leading association for medical practice administrators and executives since 1926, MGMA helps improve members' practices through exclusive member benefits, education, resources, news, information, advocacy, and networking opportunities, and produces some of the most credible and robust medical practice economic data and data solutions in the industry.

[National Association of Community Health Centers \(NACHC\)](http://www.nachc.com)

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The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) works with a network of state health center and primary care organizations to serve health centers in a variety of ways: provide research-based advocacy for health centers and their clients; educate the public about the mission and value of health centers; train and provide technical assistance to health center staff and boards; develop alliances with private partners and key stakeholders to foster the delivery of primary health care services to communities in need. Community Health Centers serve over 22 million people at more than 9,000 sites located throughout all 50 states and U.S. territories.

[National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\)](http://www.ncqa.org)

<http://www.ncqa.org>

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of health care through quality oversight and improvement initiatives at all levels of the health care system. NCQA is the principal body for assessing and reporting on the quality of managed care organizations through performance measures such as the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS). The website provides

information on NCQA activities and presents public reports on the quality and performance of surveyed organizations.

[The Joint Commission](#)

<http://www.jointcommission.org>

An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission accredits and certifies more than 20,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. Joint Commission accreditation and certification is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to meeting certain performance standards.

[NursingAssistantGuides.com](#) - Elder Care Resources

<http://nursingassistantguides.com/leading-home-health-resources>

This site presents a list of resources with links for Home Health Care; Assisted Living Blogs & Providers; State Assisted Living Associations; Long Term Care; Elder Advocacy & Abuse Prevention; and General Senior Care.

Delivery System Organizations: Professions

[Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy \(AMCP\)](#)

<http://www.amcp.org>

The Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) is a national professional association of pharmacists, health care practitioners and others who develop and provide clinical, educational and business management services on behalf of more than 200 million Americans covered by a managed pharmacy benefit.

[American Academy of Family Physicians \(AAFP\)](#)

<http://www.aafp.org>

The American Academy of Family Physicians is the national association of family doctors. It is one of the largest national medical organizations, with more than 110,600 members.

[American Academy of Nurse Practitioners \(AANP\)](#)

<http://www.aanp.org>

AANP represents the interests of the approximately 171,000 NPs around the country, advocating for the active role of NPs as providers of high-quality, cost-effective, comprehensive, patient-centered healthcare.

[American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#)

<http://www.aap.org>

American Academy of Pediatrics is an organization of 60,000 pediatricians committed to the optimal physical, mental, and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults.

American Board of Medical Specialties

<http://www.abms.org>

The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), a not-for-profit organization, assists 24 approved medical specialty boards in the development and use of standards in the ongoing evaluation and certification of physicians.

American College of Physicians (Internal Medicine)

<http://www.acponline.org>

The American College of Physicians (ACP) is a national organization of internists. The website provides information about ACP activities and physician practice.

American Medical Association (AMA)

<http://www.ama-assn.org>

The AMA is dedicated to ensuring sustainable physician practices that result in better health outcomes for patients.

American Nurses Association (ANA)

<http://www.nursingworld.org>

The American Nurses Association (ANA) is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 3.1 million registered nurses through its constituent and state nurses associations and its organizational affiliates.

American Public Health Association (APHA)

<http://apha.org>

The American Public Health Association champions the health of all people and all communities by strengthening the profession of public health, sharing the latest research and information, promoting best practices and advocating for public health issues and policies grounded in research. The organization brings together members from all fields of public health. The American Journal of Public Health is APHA's monthly journal.

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)

<http://www.ashp.org>

ASHP is the national professional organization whose nearly 40,000 members include pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy students who provide patient care services in hospitals, health systems, and ambulatory clinics.

Case Management Society of America (CMSA)

<http://www.cmsa.org>

The Case Management Society of America (CMSA) is the leading non-profit association dedicated to the support and development of the profession of case management. It is based in Little Rock, AR, and serves more than 11,000 members, 20,000 subscribers, and 75 chapters through educational forums, networking opportunities, legislative advocacy and establishing standards to advance the profession.

Delivery System Organizations: Quality, Safety, Patient Care

Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). Institute for Quality Improvement

<http://www.aaahc.org/en/institute>

The AAAHC Institute for Quality Improvement was founded by the AAAHC in 1999. The AAAHC Institute is a non-profit organization which offers ambulatory health care organizations opportunities to learn about and become involved in performance measurement, benchmarking, and quality improvement.

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

<http://www.ahrq.gov>

AHRQ's mission is to produce evidence to make health care safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable, and affordable, and to work with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and other partners to make sure that the evidence is understood and used.

AHRQ Patient Safety Network (PSNet)

<http://psnet.ahrq.gov>

AHRQ Patient Safety Network (PSNet) is a national web-based resource featuring the latest news and essential resources on patient safety. The site offers weekly updates of patient safety literature, news, tools, and meetings, and a vast set of carefully annotated links to important research and other information on patient safety.

Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality

http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/armstrong_institute

The Armstrong Institute at Johns Hopkins strives to eliminate preventable harm to patients and to achieve the best patient outcomes at the lowest cost possible, and then to share knowledge of how to achieve this goal with the world. The Institute offers workshops and online training.

Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative (CAHMI)

<http://www.cahmi.org>

The Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative (CAHMI) is a national initiative based out of Oregon Health and Science University in the Department of Pediatrics. The mission is to ensure that children, youth and families are at the center of quality measurement and improvement efforts in order to advance a high quality consumer-centered health care system. The CAHMI achieves this mission through the development, testing and strategic implementation nationally, state-wide and locally of valid health care quality and outcomes measures and the effective communication and dissemination of this research to inform and advance improvements in policy and practice.

Choosing Wisely

<http://www.choosingwisely.org>

Choosing Wisely[®] aims to promote conversations between physicians and patients by helping patients choose care that is supported by evidence, not duplicative of other tests or procedures already received, free from harm, and truly necessary. In response to this challenge, national organizations representing medical specialists have been asked to “choose wisely” by identifying

five tests or procedures commonly used in their field, whose necessity should be questioned and discussed. The resulting lists of “Five Things Physicians and Patients Should Question” will spark discussion about the need—or lack thereof—for many frequently ordered tests or treatments. For Massachusetts, see [Choosing Wisely Massachusetts](#).

[Improving Chronic Illness Care](#)

<http://www.improvingchroniccare.org>

ICIC has worked for more than a decade with national partners toward the goal of bettering the health of chronically ill patients by helping health systems, especially those that serve low-income populations, improve their care through implementation of the Chronic Care Model.

[Institute for Healthcare Improvement \(IHI\)](#)

<http://www.ihl.org>

The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), an independent not-for-profit organization based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is a leading innovator in health and health care improvement worldwide. IHI's work is focused in five key areas: Improvement Capability; Person- and Family-Centered Care; Patient Safety; Quality, Cost, and Value; and Triple Aim for Populations.

[The Institute for Patient- and Family-Centered Care](#)

<http://www.ipfcc.org>

The Institute for Patient- and Family-Centered Care, a non-profit organization founded in 1992, provides essential leadership to advance the understanding and practice of patient- and family-centered care. By promoting collaborative, empowering relationships among patients, families, and health care professionals, the Institute facilitates patient- and family-centered change in all settings where individuals and families receive care and support.

[National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care](#)

<http://www.nationalconsensusproject.org>

The National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care (NCP) was created to improve the quality of palliative care. In 2001, through a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, palliative care leaders from across the United States met to discuss the standardization of palliative care with the goal to improve quality. In order to move the discussion, the National Consensus Project was formed.

[National Patient Safety Foundation](#)

<http://www.npsf.org>

The National Patient Safety Foundation has been pursuing one mission since its founding in 1997—to improve the safety of care provided to patients. As a central voice for patient safety, NPSF is committed to a collaborative, inclusive, multistakeholder approach in all that it does. From transformative strategic initiatives to tactics, tools, and vital information resources, from the front lines of care to the leadership level, NPSF defines and develops groundbreaking programs designed to accelerate positive change and drive forward the patient safety mission. Within NPSF, the [Lucien Leape Institute](http://www.npsf.org/?page=lucianleapeinstitute) (<http://www.npsf.org/?page=lucianleapeinstitute>) functions as a think tank to identify new approaches to improving patient safety, call for the innovation necessary to expedite the work, create significant, sustainable improvements in culture, process, and outcomes, and encourage key stakeholders to assume significant roles in

advancing patient safety.

National Quality Forum

<http://www.qualityforum.org>

NQF reviews, endorses, and recommends use of standardized healthcare performance measures. Working with members and the public, NQF also helps define our national healthcare improvement 'to-do' list, and encourages action and collaboration to accomplish quality improvement goals.

National Quality Strategy

<http://www.ahrq.gov/workingforquality/index.html>

The National Strategy for Quality Improvement in Health Care (National Quality Strategy) is a nationwide effort to align public and private interests to improve the quality of health and health care for all Americans. Part of the Affordable Care Act, the National Quality Strategy is guided by three aims that provide better, more affordable care for the person and the community.

Population Health Alliance

<http://www.populationhealthalliance.org>

(Formerly the Care Continuum Alliance). The Population Health Alliance advances the principles of population health improvement through advocacy, coalition building, research, and education. Alliance members represent a range of stakeholders in the health and healthcare system who collaborate to apply and advocate for evidence-guided knowledge, technological advances, and best practices that grow and strengthen population health efforts. The website offers relevant publications and resources.

WhyNotTheBest.org

<http://www.whynotthebest.org>

WhyNotTheBest.org, created and maintained by The Commonwealth Fund, is a free resource for health care professionals interested in tracking performance on various measures of health care quality. Case studies and improvement tools spotlight successful improvement strategies of the nation's top performers.

Delivery System Redesign

Primary Care and the Patient-Centered Medical Home

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. The Patient Centered Medical Home Resource Center

<http://www.pcmh.ahrq.gov>

This web site provides policymakers and researchers with access to evidence-based resources about the medical home and its potential to transform primary care and improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of U.S. health care.

[American Academy of Family Physicians. TransforMED](https://www.transformed.com)

<https://www.transformed.com>

The American Academy of Family Physicians ([AAFP](#)) founded TransforMED and then initiated the two-year National Demonstration Project ([NDP](#)) — the most comprehensive PCMH evaluation effort to date. TransforMED’s experienced, clinically-grounded leadership and staff comprises subject matter experts in the competency areas of the TransforMED Patient-Centered Model.

[American Academy of Pediatrics. National Center for Medical Home Implementation](http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org)

<http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org>

The National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI) is a cooperative agreement between the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). The NCMHI is housed in the AAP Division of Children with Special Needs.

[American College of Physicians. Patient Centered Medical Home](http://www.acponline.org/running_practice/delivery_and_payment_models/pcmh/)

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American College of Physicians has gathered a comprehensive collection of information, resources and demonstration projects to assist in planning for a complete Patient-Centered Medical Home.

[Center for Medical Home Improvement](http://www.medicalhomeimprovement.org)

<http://www.medicalhomeimprovement.org>

CMHI (Center for Medical Home Improvement) is a organization affiliated with Croton Mountain Foundation and Rehabilitation Center The mission is to promote high quality primary care in the medical home and secure health policy changes critical to the future of primary care.

[National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\). Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition](http://www.ncqa.org/Programs/Recognition/PatientCenteredMedicalHomePCMH.aspx)

<http://www.ncqa.org/Programs/Recognition/PatientCenteredMedicalHomePCMH.aspx>

NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition is the most widely-used way to transform primary care practices into medical homes.

[Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative](http://www.pcpcc.org)

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The Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (PCPCC) is dedicated to advancing an effective and efficient health system built on a strong foundation of primary care and the patient-centered medical home (PCMH). The PCPCC achieves its mission through the work of our five **Stakeholder Centers, led** by experts and thought leaders who are dedicated to transforming the U.S. health care system through delivery reform, payment reform, patient engagement, and employee benefit redesign. Today, PCPCC’s membership represents more than 1,000 medical home stakeholders and supporters throughout the U.S.

[Safety Net Medical Home Initiative](#)

<http://www.safetynetmedicalhome.org>

The Commonwealth Fund, Qualis Health and the MacColl Center for Health Care Innovation at the Group Health Research Institute supported a five-year initiative to help 65 primary care safety net sites in five states become high-performing patient-centered medical homes. The Initiative developed a framework for PCMH transformation, the "Change Concepts for Practice Transformation," and published a library of resources and tools to help practices understand and implement the PCMH Model of Care. This site provides access to implementation guides, assessment tools, presentations and other materials on the Change Concepts, as well as resources on payment and recognition.

Delivery System Redesign: Accountable Care Organizations

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Accountable Care Organizations (ACO)

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ACO/index.html>

Medicare offers several ACO programs and different learning opportunities for organizations interested in learning more about ACOs.

Council of Accountable Physician Practices (CAPP)

<http://www.amga-capp.org>

The Council of Accountable Physician Practices (CAPP) is an affiliate of the American Medical Group Association ([AMGA](#)). CAPP and its participating health systems and practices work to foster the development and recognition of accountable physician-led multispecialty medical groups and health systems as models for transforming the healthcare system. The website offers research studies, case studies, and other resources on accountable care organizations and delivery system reform. CAPP's related websites with facts and case studies are [Accountable Care Facts](#) (for policymakers), [Accountable Care Stories](#) (for the media), and [The Future of health Care](#) (for consumers).

National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Accountable Care Organization Accreditation

<http://www.ncqa.org/Programs/Accreditation/AccountableCareOrganizationACO.aspx>

NCQA ACO Accreditation helps health care organizations demonstrate their ability to improve quality, reduce costs and coordinate patient care.

The Accountable Delivery System Institute (ADSI)

<http://adsinstitute.org>

The Accountable Delivery System Institute is a resource for hospitals, health plans, large physician groups, and self-insured employers seeking proven solutions and practical guidance on establishing successful models of accountable care. ADSI was founded by Lumeris, an innovative health care solutions company.

[The Brookings-Dartmouth ACO Learning Network](http://www.acolearningnetwork.org)

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The ACO Learning Network is a member-driven network that provides participating organizations the tools necessary to successfully implement accountable care. Brookings and Dartmouth have been working together since 2007 to foster the adoption of ACOs that will improve care quality and bend the cost curve.

Training the Health Care Professions

[Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education \(ACGME\)](http://www.acgme.org)

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The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) is a private professional organization responsible for the accreditation of about 9,200 residency education programs.

[Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine \(AAIM\)](http://www.im.org)

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The Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM) is the consortium of five academically focused specialty organizations representing departments of internal medicine at medical schools and teaching hospitals in the United States and Canada. AAIM consists of the Association of Professors of Medicine (APM), the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine (APDIM), the Association of Specialty Professors (ASP), the Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine (CDIM), and the Administrators of Internal Medicine (AIM).

[American Association of Colleges of Nursing \(AACN\)](http://www.aacn.nche.edu)

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The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) is the national voice for baccalaureate and graduate nursing education.

[American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine \(AACOM\)](http://www.aacom.org)

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The American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) represents the administration, faculty and students of all of the osteopathic medical colleges in the United States.

[American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy \(AACP\)](http://www.aacp.org)

<http://www.aacp.org>

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) is the national organization representing pharmacy education in the United States.

Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)

<http://www.aamc.org>

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) is a not-for-profit association representing all 141 accredited U.S. and 17 accredited Canadian medical schools; nearly 400 major teaching hospitals and health systems, and 90 academic and scientific societies. Through its many programs and services, the AAMC strengthens the world's most advanced medical care by supporting the entire spectrum of education, research, and patient care activities conducted by our member institutions.

Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors (AFMRD)

<http://www.afmrd.org>

The Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors (AFMRD) inspires and empowers family medicine residency program directors to achieve excellence in family medicine residency training.

Association for Hospital Medical Education (AHME)

<http://www.ahme.org>

The Association for Hospital Medical Education (AHME) is a national, non-profit professional organization involved in the continuum of hospital-based medical education: undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education. AHME's more than 600 members represent hundreds of teaching hospitals, academic medical centers, and consortia nationwide.

Association of Pediatric Program Directors (APPD)

<http://www.appd.org>

The Association of Pediatric Program Directors serves Pediatric Programs and their leadership by advancing the art and science of pediatric education for the purpose of ensuring the health and well-being of children.

Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR)

<http://www.aptrweb.org>

APTR is the national professional membership organization for individuals and institutions advancing the education of physicians and other health professionals in prevention and population health.

Association of Schools and Programs in Public Health (ASPPH)

<http://www.aspph.org>

The Association of Schools and Programs in Public Health (ASPPH) is the voice of accredited public health education, representing schools and programs accredited by the [Council on Education for Public Health \(CEPH\)](#). The mission is to transform public health by strengthening and promoting the education, research, service, and practice activities of CEPH-accredited schools and programs. ASPPH advocates for investments needed to advance population health and more effective public health policies.

Initiative on the Future of Nursing

<http://www.thefutureofnursing.org>

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Initiative on the Future of Nursing at the Institute of Medicine addressed the possibility of transforming the nursing profession to meet the challenges of a changing health care landscape. This website provides access to the ongoing research and data to advance the recommendations of the 2010 IOM report.

Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC)

<http://ipecollaborative.org>

The Interprofessional Education Collaborative was formed in 2009 by six national education associations of schools of the health professions, to promote and encourage constituent efforts that would advance substantive interprofessional learning experiences to help prepare future health professionals for enhanced team-based care of patients and improved population health outcomes. These organizations that represent higher education in allopathic and osteopathic medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, and public health would come to create core competencies for interprofessional collaborative practice that can guide curricula development at all health professions schools.

Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation

<http://www.macyfoundation.org>

Since 1930, the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation has worked to improve health care in the United States. Founded by Kate Macy Ladd in memory of her father, prominent philanthropist Josiah Macy Jr., the Foundation supports projects that broaden and improve health professional education. It is now the only national foundation solely dedicated to this mission.

MHAPrograms.org: 100 Important Sites for Healthcare Leaders and Executives

<http://www.mhaprograms.org/healthcare-leadership.html>

MHAPrograms.org covers a wide range of topics all relating to health administration, to provide students with the information they need to make informed decisions about their educational goals. This collection of sites addressing leadership practices includes organizations for seasoned professionals, recent graduates, and current students hoping to commit themselves to healthcare leadership.

National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF)

<http://www.nonpf.com>

The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) is the only organization specifically devoted to promoting quality nurse practitioner (NP) education at the national and international levels.